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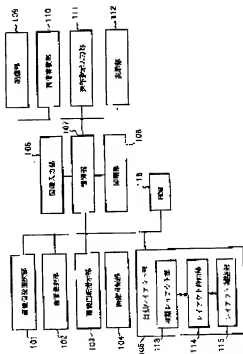
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(57) Abstract:

**SOLUTION:** An initial layout part 113 of an automatic layout part 105 lays images inputted from the image input part 106 out in one page and a layout evaluation part 114 evaluates the layout result. Further, an arbitrary effect is specified among more than one effect previously registered from an operation instruction part 111 and based on the specified effect, the automatic layout part 105 automatically sets layout conditions of the image, which is laid out under the set layout conditions.



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